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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiaki HASHIZUME et al.

Group Art Unit: 2858

Application No.: 09/214,519

Examiner: E. Leroux

Filed: January 7, 1999

Docket No.: 101850

For: OPTICAL MODULATION ELEMENT AND PROJECTION DISPLAY DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 18 and 19 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) An optical modulation apparatus that modulates a light flux emitted from a light source according to image information, the optical modulation apparatus comprising:

an optical modulation device; and

a transparent plate bonded to at least one surface of the optical modulation device, the transparent plate being bonded substantially the length of the at least one surface of the optical modulation device.

4. (Amended) A projector comprising:

a light source;

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